Mr. R. Narayana Pillai (Ettumanur), Mr. Ousep Kuria Aippu (Muvattupuzha) and Mr. Warkey John (Travancore and Cochin Roman Catholic Association, Kottayam) also spoke on the subject.

Reply.—I regret there is so much of misapprehension in regard to the notification about anchal petitions. This was published on the 26th Chingom 1082 and a patient perusal of it would show that there is absolutely nothing in it to work any such hardship as was mentioned by the first speaker. All that it lays down is that in all petitions transmitted by registered anchal and hence requiring an acknowledgment, the petitioner should note on the cover his name and the subject-matter. This is not an unreasonable provision, but on the other hand it secures the receipt of the cover without the risk of being rejected as an anonymous communication. As a matter of fact, every petition, through whatever channel it is sent and whatever matter it might contain, is readily accepted and promptly attended to.

In regard to telegraphic messages, the recent notification on the subject is only a repetition of the one in force since 23rd August 1902 and no complaint was raised about the latter from any quarter whatever until now.

Then, as regards other officers following the notifications to which objection is now taken, these Huzur notices were not intended to apply to them. But persons affected by any procedure adopted by these officers ou ght, in the first instance, to apply to them for redress. If relief is not afforded there, the matter will be looked into by Government, when brought to their notice.

208. Cancelment of Government order prohibiting the submission of petitions direct to His Highness the Maha Rajah instead of through the Dewan.

This subject which stood in the names of *Mr. R. Narayana Pillai (Ettumanur)* and *Mr. C. Padmanabha Pillai (Karunagapalli)* was disallowed.

209. Opening of press-rooms in the Secretariat and supplying all respectable presses with Government papers.

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